



# LARC



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## President's letter for September, 2009.

Well, it's late August and no hurricane in the gulf so far this year. But it looks like the tropics are getting active. It's time to check out the emergency gear, charge the batteries and crank up the generator a time or two. Let's hope we don't need them!

We have a Simulated Emergency Test (state-wide) planned for Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9:00 AM to Noon. Ed Roy, WA5TNK is the Lafayette Parish Emergency Coordinator and Ed would like to operate from the Parish EOC for the S.E.T. The Parish has a very nice ham radio set up at the EOC and Ed encourages any interested ham to join us there to observe and/or participate in this activity. You can email Ed at [edroy@edroy.com](mailto:edroy@edroy.com) and let him know of your desire to participate. He will have to make arrangements with the Parish EOC and will need a head count and obtain security clearance to get into the facility. Of course, if we have a real emergency, the S.E.T. will not take place during that time but will be rescheduled.

Another opportunity for our club has arisen and it is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, and the 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Jamboree On the Air. Every year the scouts have a Jamboree on the Air or JOTA. This year will be special and will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> a Saturday and Sunday. I have asked for and received a special event station 1x1 call sign **N5S** - "November 5 Sierra" which we will use during the JOTA. There will be thousands of scouts around the country "On The Air" and many others on the internet as it will also be "Jamboree on the Internet". The scouts will be trying to make contacts and receive QSL cards which can be applied for the radio merit badge - which is not easy! I think the club should get AMOS and some operators and instructors geared up for the JOTA and give our local scouts a big thrill. We may even be able to put on some training for them. I'll keep you posted.

Anyway, enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope to see you at the club meeting, Thursday September, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

73's one and all.  
-de W4JHC John Cunniff  
AARA President



JOTA Merit Badge

## AARA GENERAL MEETING

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM—VE Testing @ 6:00 PM  
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

## VP's Message

I think our President, John W4JHC has covered most of the activities for the month of September, however I do have a few things to mention.

First, all amateur radio operators have been asked to participate in a "Ham of the Year" Delta Division award to be given to someone that you think has devoted a great deal toward the ham radio hobby. Many have contributed a lot which makes it a hard decision to make. In my opinion, I think anyone that has promoted or participated in any way to make this a great hobby should receive some kind of award.

From what I understand, this person does not have to be a member of any club, or a ARRL member, just as long as he/she is a resident of State of Louisiana.

I ask you to think about who you would like to nominate before the meeting, I plan to bring some blank forms for you to make your nomination, the form will be inserted in a large SASE envelope and mailed to Gary Stratton K5GLS our Louisiana Section Manager. A nominee will be selected (by a committee from the Section Cabinet) for the award and then be entered into nomination for Delta Division HAM of the year.

No word on re-locating the 146.820 W5DDL repeater. It appears that the phone patch somehow got disconnected. Nick K5QXJ is checking into that.

The 147.040 W5EXI repeater EchoLink seems to be working again the node number is: 370324.

73's de Herman KN5GRK  
AARA Vice President  
[kn5grk@lusfiber.net](mailto:kn5grk@lusfiber.net)

**DATES TO REMEMBER****REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
 Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.  
 VE Testing @ 6:00 pm - Door Prizes - Refreshments

**HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

New Orleans Hamfest—October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 CLARC Hamfest—October 10<sup>th</sup>

**Local 2-Meter Nets****Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM  
 146.820 Lafayette, LA

**Monday**

AARA Net 7:00 PM  
 146.820 Lafayette, LA  
 Acadia Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM  
 147.240 pl 127.3 Crowley, LA

**Tuesday**

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM  
 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

**Wednesday**

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM  
 147.060 Abbeville, LA

**Friday**

HEAL Net 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Only 1:00 PM  
 146.820 Lafayette, LA

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 American Red Cross Building  
 101 North Pat Street Scott, LA

**HPM/140 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION EVENT  
COMING DURING SEPTEMBER 2-9**

The Hiram Percy Maxim Birthday celebration is back! This year, the ARRL is honoring the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the League's first president and cofounder. Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, was born September 2, 1869 and died February 17, 1936, in a Colorado hospital of complications stemming from a throat infection; his widow died just nine days later.

The operating event is open to all amateurs, and the goal is straightforward: Find the stations adding /140 to their call signs, and contact as many as possible during the event period, September 2-9. Who is eligible to sign /140? ARRL members who hold ARRL appointments, ARRL elected volunteers (such as ARRL Directors and Section Managers), ARRL

Life Members, ARRL Headquarters staff and VEs, AECs, QSL bureau workers and awards managers (who are ARRL members). The complete list of eligible positions can be found on page 20 of the September 2009 issue of QST. If you work at least 25 /140 stations, an attractive certificate can be yours! The certificate can be endorsed in increments of 25 QSO's, up to 100.

**Time Period:** 0000 UTC September 2 until 2400 UTC September 9.

**Exchange:** All stations signing /140 send RS(T), their appointment and their name; others send RS(T) and their name.

**Eligibility:** All amateur stations may participate. ARRL Life Members, and those persons holding ARRL appointments, elected positions or ARRL HQ staff, may add /140 to their call signs for the duration of the celebration. Volunteer Examiners, Assistant Emergency Coordinators, QSL Bureau workers, Registered Instructors and Awards Managers who are ARRL members are also invited to participate.

**Miscellaneous:** /140 stations may be contacted on any band or mode for credit. You can work a station once per band and mode. Repeater contacts are valid for credit, but please be considerate of the users during a repeater's busy periods. All /140 stations are encouraged to be as active as possible on local repeaters and nets. The certificate is available for making at least 25 contacts with /140 stations, with endorsement increments of 25, and a maximum endorsement of 100. To receive the award, send in a log extract with the date, time, band, call sign worked and exchange for each /140 contact. Include your name, call sign and address, and tell us how many /140 stations you worked.

Mail everything to HPM/140 Celebration, c/o W1AW, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111-1494. You can also send in your entry on a disk or CD in regular text format. All entries must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$5 (US) payable to ARRL. Please make sure your entry is postmarked by October 9, 2009.

**LARC Editor Notes**

I usually complete the "LARC" newsletter on the Sunday evening before the first Thursday of each month (our AARA Club Meeting evening). I need all net reports or articles before this deadline as I go to press on Monday morning. Sometimes the month is not finished and some Monday's and Tuesday's nets have not been held, so therefore they will not be recorded on the list on page 5.

Also, our **THANKS** go out to **Global Technologies Group** for letting us use their copy machine and to **Gulf South Printing & Specialties** for supplying paper and mailing labels for the hard copies that are mailed out to our members without internet service.

## 2009 Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

The 2009 Louisiana Simulated Emergency Test (SET) has been scheduled for Saturday, September 26, from 9 AM to Noon.

This date will allow participants to be free to attend the New Orleans hamfest on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Louisiana State EOC station WB5LSH will be QRV on September 26<sup>th</sup> for this event.

It is suggested that the SET scenario be initially based on a weather event such as :

1. Gale Force winds are expected in parish by 2 PM.
2. Hurricane Force winds are expected in parish by 6 PM.
3. Last minute evacuation of Southern parishes are ongoing via secondary roads with major delays.
4. Contraflow of interstates has been completed but major traffic delays still exist.
5. All communication systems except ham radio hf, vhf, uhf, and satellite data systems are out of service due to system overload.
6. State EOC has been activated and amateur radio is QRV.

Following this initial scenario, specific local related incidents could occur, such as :

1. Haz Mat Incident
2. Plane Crash
3. Barges Loose on River
4. Tornado
5. Traffic Related MCI
6. Civil Unrest

As an example I have included the outline of the 2009 Washington Parish SET plan for your reference.

Look forward to hearing about your local plans and the outcome of your exercise.

Remember that the safety of your team and the public is our number one priority during this exercise.

Jim AI5B

## CENTRAL LOUISIANA ARC HAMFEST Pineville, Louisiana

**Date:** October 10, 2009

**Location:** Kees Park Community Center, 2450 Hwy 28 East, Pineville, LA

**Admission:** Free Admission

**Time:** 8:00 AM til

**Talk-in:** 147.330+ PL 173.8, 146.520, APRS 144.390

### Main Prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> - Icom IC-7200-HF/6M

2<sup>nd</sup> - \$500.00 Cash

3<sup>rd</sup> - Icom IC-2200H-2M mobile

4<sup>th</sup> - Icom IC-V82-2M HT

Drawing at 1:00 PM

Hourly door prizes, must be present.

**Forums:** ARRL, ARES & others.

**VE Testing:** 9:00 AM

### Contacts:

E-mail: Bryan Haviland

bryan.j.haviland@gmail.com

**LABOR DAY  
SEPTEMBER 7**

## The 2009 New Orleans Hamfest HARAHAN Recreation Center SPONSORED BY: JARC, NOARC, DELTA DX

This is an **ARRL-sanctioned** Hamfest and is still scheduled for:

**Harahan Recreation Center, 6601 10th Street and Hickory Road**

**DATE & TIME:** Saturday October 3, 2009 between 8 AM and 2 PM.

**Admission:** \$5.00 per person (includes 1 raffle ticket)

### GRAND PRIZES:

1<sup>st</sup> - ICOM IC-718 HF Rig

2<sup>nd</sup> - ICOM IC-880 Dual Band D-Star Mobile

3<sup>rd</sup> - ICOM IC-P7 Handi Talkie

**DOOR PRIZES:** given out each hour.

*ICOM OF AMERICA WILL BE AT THE HAMEST WITH DEMOS OF THEIR NEW D-STAR SYSTEM AND RADIOS.*

**FORUMS:** ARRL, ARES, ICOM, and D-Star.

**VE TESTING** on site

Setup will be Friday October 2, 2009 between 5 PM and 7 PM and Saturday 7 AM to 8 AM Tables are \$10.00 each. We are still waiting to hear from some clubs (to see if they will assist or participate with us for the Hamfest).

**CONTACT:** Tyler tyler@noarc.info **HAMFEST HOTLINE:** 504-708-4527. 24/7

### SECURED VENDORS

MCM COMPUTERS

CEDAR CITY SALES

SIGN MAN OF BR

PALMETTO ANTENNAS

### POSSIBLE VENDORS

KENWOOD USA

MFJ

HAM RADIO OUTLET

### FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE ON SITE

Talk-in 146.860 PL 114.8

<http://www.noarc.info/HAMFEST.aspx>

## Mickey "Santa Claus" Hicks, WO6T (SK)

Mickey Hicks, WO6T <http://www.wo6t.com/> -- known to many amateurs and their children as Santa Claus -- passed away Sunday, August 9. He was 79. For the past 38 years, Hicks, a ham for almost 50 years and a long-time ARRL member and Amateur Radio instructor, would get on the air for 10 days each December as W6S (Whiskers-6-Santa). ARRL Youth Editor Duncan MacLachlan, KU0DM, profiled Hicks in December 2008 <http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2008/12/01/10479/>: "The Amateur Radio community has been quick to embrace the W6S operation. Mickey says that the first year operating as W6S was 'a hit with the operators of all ages and their children.' Mickey noted that most children are a bit apprehensive of talking over the radio, let alone to Santa! Hicks told the ARRL in 2001 that his Santa's Workshop has been a great ham radio recruiting tool <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2001/12/21/3/?nc=1>.

One of his most memorable experiences was when a young girl he'd once spoken with on the air as Santa came by with her ham ticket in hand to thank him in person for getting her interested. "I had tears in my eyes, of course," he said. -- Thanks to "The Daily DX" <http://www.dailydx.com/> for providing some information for this story.

## Quarter Century Wireless Association QCWA Chapter 109 Meeting

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Landry's Restaurant in Henderson, LA.  
11:00 AM**

### Eligibility Requirements:

If you hold a current amateur radio license, and you were licensed at least 25 years ago, you are eligible to join QCWA. It is not necessary for you to have been continuously licensed for twenty-five years.

Contact to join:

Wayne Gordon K5DF  
[gordonlw@cox.net](mailto:gordonlw@cox.net)



*Chapter 109—Baton Rouge, LA*

## September 2009 Special Events & Contests

<b>Sept. 11-13</b>	<b>N5I</b> —One year anniversary of Hurricane Ike.
<b>Sept. 12-14</b>	ARRL September VHF QSO Party.
<b>Sept. 13</b>	North American Sprint
<b>Sept. 12-20</b>	<b>W6W</b> —10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Route 66 On the Air Special Event.
<b>Sept. 19</b>	<b>K8V</b> —Annual Ravenna Balloon-A-Fair and Parade.
<b>Sept. 19-20</b>	QCWA Fall QSO Party.
<b>Sept. 20</b>	North American Sprint
<b>Sept. 19-20</b>	<b>W4CA</b> —Blue Ridge Bonanza—many stations along the route, sponsored by the numerous amateur radio clubs.
<b>Sept. 26</b>	<b>W9JCA</b> —Balbec Days celebrates the Underground Railroad.
<b>Sept. 26-27</b>	CQ WW RTTY Contest.

Check out more contests and special event stations in the September issue of QST on pages 78 and 90.



### BIRTHDAYS

<b>9/08</b>	<b>BUDDY</b>	<b>N5AN</b>
<b>9/13</b>	<b>FRED</b>	<b>W5MLE</b>
<b>9/16</b>	<b>D.J.</b>	<b>N5HVV</b>
<b>9/16</b>	<b>NATHAN</b>	<b>KD5IQW</b>
<b>9/19</b>	<b>MEL</b>	<b>WD5CAE</b>
<b>9/20</b>	<b>DANNY</b>	<b>K5ARH</b>
<b>9/24</b>	<b>IRMA</b>	<b>KE5UPK</b>
<b>9/24</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>NG5T</b>
<b>10/1</b>	<b>CHERYL</b>	<b>KE5IBM</b>
<b>10/4</b>	<b>GREG</b>	<b>K5LFT</b>

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

## August Meeting VE Test Session Results

At the July 6<sup>th</sup> AARA General Meeting VE Test Session, the following persons tested and received the following call signs:

Ann Brown of New Roads passed Technician KF5CNV.

Michael Gaspard of Kaplan passed Technician and General KF5CNW.

Grant Linscomb of Lafayette passed Technician KF5CNU.

Justin Pullin of New Iberia passed Technician KF5CNT.

Paula Romero of Crowley passed Technician KF5CNS.

Galen Wilson KF5BET of Lafayette upgraded to General.

VE's for this session were

Danny Griffith K5ARH  
Roland Guidry NA5Q  
Greg Dolan K5LFT  
Charlie Morrison KI5XP  
Mitch Romero KB5TWL

**August 2009 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS**

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	5	52	2	104	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	5	86	0	159	KN5GRK Herman
Acadiana ARES Net	4	23	0	41	N5LRZ Ray
Acadia Parish ARES Net	5	33	1	93	KN5GRK Herman
Vermillion Parish ARES Net	4	49	0	84	KE5JXC Arnold
HEAL Net      *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* M 7 / G 19	Ø	37	KE5JKD Larry

**Lagniappe** . . . is something thrown in, gratis, for good measure.      --Mark Twain.

### ARLB028 Vanity Call Sign Fees to Increase September 10

From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT August 11, 2009

To all radio amateurs:

On August 11, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase \$1.10, from \$12.30 to \$13.40.

Now that notice of the increase has been published in the Federal Register, the increase will take effect in 30 days, September 10, 2009.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

The notice in the August 11, 2009 Federal Register, entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2009," includes regulatory fees. These fees are expected to recover a total of \$341,875,000 during FY2009, encompassing all the Services the FCC regulates.

(continued in next column)

For more information, see the recent ARRL Web article, "FCC Looks to Raise Vanity Call Sign Fees for Second Consecutive Year" at:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/05/18/10825/?nc=1>

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### CORRECTIONS

The following persons listed in the July meeting VE session and listed in the August LARC were listed wrong, the corrections are:

Jack E. Cochran of Baton Rouge call should have read KF5BZX instead of KE5BZX.

Matthew R. Crochet of Broussard call should have read KF5CAF instead of KE5CAF.

Also, the article on Mars that appeared in the August LARC was a "hoax", sorry about that! At least I know of several persons that read the LARC.

According to my records, no new members joined the club since the August meeting.

Herman KN5GRK  
LARC Editor

### RadioShack Rebranding Itself as The Shack:

In early August, a RadioShack Corporation news release touted its new branding: THE SHACK.

The stated purpose: THE SHACK is friendlier-sounding and less "corporate" than RadioShack.

<http://ir.radioshackcorporation.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=400656>

### August Meeting Auction

At the August meeting a auction was held to disperse of the items donated to the club from the estate of James Dugal N5KNX (SK).

John W4JHC (Club President) volunteered to be our auctioneer and performed very professionally.

Nick K5QXJ and Ken KD5YWB had picked up the items from the estate a few weeks beforehand and Ken stored them in sealed boxes until the meeting.

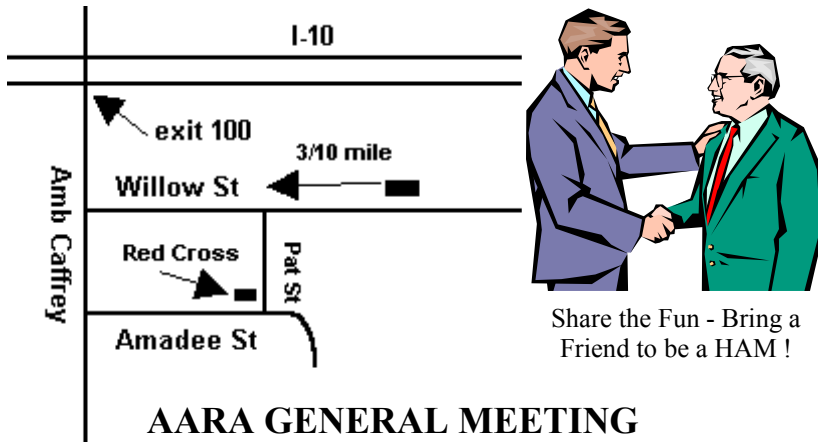
There were many nice items, some new, some old and some ???.

All in all, the auction went well and the club took in \$521.00. Everyone seemed satisfied with their purchases.

Thanks to all.

**Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc.**  
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**Lafayette, LA 70505-1174**

Website: <http://www.w5ddl.org>



**AARA GENERAL MEETING**  
**Thursday September 3, 2009 - 7:00 PM**  
**VE Testing at 6:00 PM - Refreshments - Door Prizes**  
**Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA**  
**Lunch Bunch**  
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA  
Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

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## Chicken Enchiladas

(reprinted from Easy to Bake, Easy to Make™)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 2 cups chopped cooked chicken or turkey               | 1 jar (8 ounces) salsa, divided   |
| 1 cup chopped green bell pepper                       | 8 flour tortillas (6-inch)  |
| 1 package (8 ounces) PHILADELPHIA® Cream Cheese cubed | 3/4 pound (12 ounces) VELVETTA® Pasteurized Process Cheese Spread, cut up |
|   | 1/4 cup milk  |
1. **STIR** chicken, bell pepper, cream cheese and 1/2 cup salsa in saucepan on low heat until cream cheese is melted.
  2. **SPOON** 1/3 cup chicken mixture down center of each tortilla; roll up. Place, seam-side down, in lightly greased 12X8-inch baking dish.
  3. **STIR** process cheese spread and milk in saucepan on low heat until smooth. Pour sauce over tortillas; cover with foil.
  4. **BAKE** at 350°F for 20 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Pour remaining salsa over tortillas.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

If you have a favorite recipe you would like to submit, send it to:

Herman KN5GRK  
[kn5grk@lusfiber.net](mailto:kn5grk@lusfiber.net)



## FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or [ulscmm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscmm@fcc.gov). Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245